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Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk/Administrator **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Joint Motion to Withdraw Petition and Request for Confidential Treatment Docket No. 2019-388-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("<u>DESC</u>"), and Blackville Solar Farm, LLC, Denmark Solar, LLC, Trask East Solar, LLC, and Yemassee Solar, LLC (each, a "<u>Petitioner</u>," and collectively, the "<u>Petitioners</u>"), hereby file with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "<u>Commission</u>") the enclosed Joint Motion to Withdraw Petition (the "Joint Motion").

Each Petitioner plans to construct a solar generating facility that will be a Qualifying Facility under 18 C.F.R. § 292.204. As such, each Petitioner entered into a Power Purchase Agreement with DESC on May 26, 2018 (collectively, the "PPAs"). On December 19, 2019, Petitioners filed a Petition (the "Petition") in the above-referenced docket that related to certain matters in the PPAs. Today, the Commission issued Order No. 2020-288 (the "Order") approving Settlement Agreements (the "Settlements") between DESC and each Petitioner, which amicably resolved the issues pertaining to the Petition. Accordingly, DESC and Petitioners now wish to file the Joint Motion and withdraw the Petition.

However, due to the commercially sensitive and proprietary nature of the Settlements, as well as the highly competitive nature of the industry in which Petitioners and DESC operate, DESC and Petitioners have agreed to keep the terms of the Settlements and the Joint Motion confidential. Indeed, the Order granted DESC's and Petitioners' request for confidential treatment of the Settlements. As such, in accordance with the terms of the Settlements, DESC and the Petitioners now respectfully request that the Commission treat the Joint Motion in a similar manner by finding that the Joint Motion contains protected information and issue a protective order barring the disclosure of the Joint Motion under the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 et seq., S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(1), or any other provision

of law. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2), the determination of whether a document may be exempt from disclosure is within the Commission's discretion.

To this end, and in accordance with Commission Order No. 2005-226, dated May 6, 2005, in Docket No. 2005-83-A, we enclose with this letter a redacted version of the Joint Motion that protects the sensitive information from disclosure, while making available for public viewing non-protected information. We also enclose a copy of the unredacted Joint Motion in a separate, sealed envelope and respectfully request that, in the event that anyone should seek disclosure of this unredacted version, the Commission notify DESC of such request and provide it with an opportunity to obtain an order from this Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction protecting the Joint Motion from disclosure.

Enclosed are the following:

- 1. A true and correct copy of the original Joint Motion in a sealed envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL." Each page of the Joint Motion is also marked "CONFIDENTIAL."
- 2. Ten (10) copies of a redacted copy of the Joint Motion for filing and public disclosure.

By copy of this letter, we are providing the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") with a redacted copy of the Joint Motion for its records. Additionally, DESC will make the original, unredacted copy of the Joint Motion available to ORS for its review.

In conclusion, DESC and Petitioners have amicably resolved the issues related to the Petition via the Settlements. DESC and the Petitioners come now with the Joint Motion contemplated thereby and request confidential treatment of the same. Thank you for your assistance and consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely.

J. Ashley Cooper

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